



**Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories
Response to Committee Report 31-20(1): Standing Committee
on Government Operations Report on the Review of the
2024-2025 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories
Office of the Ombud and the 2024-2025 Annual Report
of the Languages Commissioner**

Background

On October 29, 2025, the Standing Committee on Government Operations tabled its Report on the Review of the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Office of the Ombud and the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner. This report included one recommendation and a request that a response be provided within 120 days.

Recommendation 1:

The Standing Committee on Government Operations recommends that the Board of Management, in consultation with the Ombud, identify and address additional funding to be provided to the Ombud for the addition of a new position, Senior Early Resolution and Investigation Officer.

Legislative Assembly Response

The Board of Management does not support adding a Senior Early Resolution and Investigation Officer to the Office of the Ombud at this time.

However, the Board remains committed to conducting a mandate and resource evaluation during the 2026–2027 fiscal year to identify and assess the operational needs of the Ombud Office.

With the recent appointment of the Deputy Languages Commissioner—now integrated into the Ombud Office—this additional resource may help alleviate overall workload.

The Ombud has also requested an amendment to the *Ombud Act* to expand its authorities under the Schedule to include “all childcare facilities as defined in the *Child and Family Services Act*.” If this amendment is enacted, operational requirements may change.

Given these considerations, the Board is not in a position to provide additional funding for the creation of a Senior Early Resolution and Investigation Officer role at this time.